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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

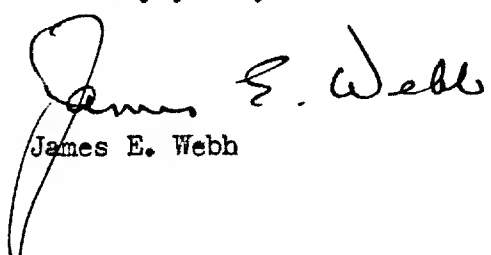
I want to acknowledge your letter of July 26, 1950, written in response to the Joint State Department--Defense Department proposal on national intelligence, which I forwarded to you for comment on July 7.

The Department has not had an opportunity to study the documents you submitted or to discuss your comments with the Department of Defense. It does appear, however, on the basis of a preliminary reading of your comments, that the joint proposals submitted to you have been (misconstrued) !

In accordance with the responsibilities of the Secretaries of State and Defense as members of the National Security Council, both Departments are seeking a more effective method of producing national intelligence within the framework of existing law. I am sure that both Departments feel strongly that our total government intelligence effort must be as strong as possible.

As soon as we have had the time to study your comments in detail we shall be in touch with you for further discussion.

Sincerely yours,


James E. Webb

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cc: ADs & Staff Chiefs - 8/8/50

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